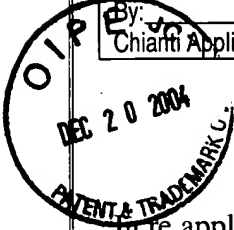


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Application No.: **09/164,862**

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 24, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for three months;
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination (RCE); and
- 3) A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (PTO Form 1449).

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.